

REMARKS

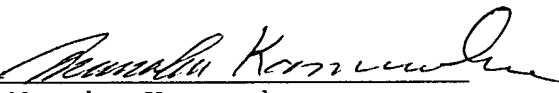
In paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Action, claims 1 and 6-11 were rejected by the cited references. However, in paragraph 4 of the Action, claims 2-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the rejection and indication of allowance, claims 1 and 6-11 have been cancelled, and claims 2-5 have been amended in independent form with editorial amendments. In view of the amendments, the specification and abstract have been amended as well. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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